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BUSTER BYNUM SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Two Kentucky public high school seniors will be eligible to receive the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC) Buster Bynum Scholarship. The scholarship recipients may apply the award toward college costs for the 2011-12 school year.

The Buster Bynum Scholarship is a one-time \$1,000 education scholarship awarded to two deserving public school students (each receiving \$1,000) in each of the 14 member southeastern states of the SESPTC.

Created in 2005, Buster Bynum Scholarships are awarded to children of school bus transportation employees actively employed in public school transportation for the past five years and whose total family income is less than \$75,000. Eligible students must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and are selected based on their leadership, citizenship and service.

Each school district will select a local winner and submit the winning application to the State SESPTC Selection Committee no later than March 31. The two finalists will be notified by May 31.

Local school district transportation directors and school counselors can provide more scholarship information and deadlines for local application submission.

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The Buster Bynum Scholarship is named for the current treasurer, past president and longtime member of the SESPTC Board of Directors, who has been a strong advocate for improving student transportation safety for more than 43 years. Prior to his retirement, Bynum served as the Virginia State Director of Pupil Transportation and also held other positions in the field of school transportation. Scholarship sponsors are the Alabama Department of Education Pupil Transportation Section and the SESPTC.

The Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference is a non-profit corporation created more than 54 years ago to host an annual conference focused on educating student transportation professionals working in the southeast. The member southeastern states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

More information about SESPTC is available here.

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